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(54) **Liposomes.**

(57) Liposomes having covalently bound PEG moieties on the external surface have improved serum half-life following intravenous administration.

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practised on) the human/animal body
(Art. 52(4) EPC) the search has been
carried out and based on the
alleged effects of the compound/
composition